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FM AMEMBASSY KIGALI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4414

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ATRN, RW

SUBJECT: SHIPMENT OF PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS TO RWANDA

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED ADVICE COPIES OF SHIPPERS MEMORANDA COVERING HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS AND CANNED FOODSTUFFS SHIPMENTS FOR THE AMBASSADOR AND THE AID COUNTRY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER. MEMORANDA WERE ISSUED BY MOORE-MCCORMACK LINES NOV 8, WITH SHIPMENTS SCHEDULED DEPART BALTIMORE ABOARD SS MORMACVEGA FOR MOMBASA, KENYA. SHIPMENTS WERE CONSIGNED TO MITCHELL COTTS & CO., P.O. BOX 141, MOMBASA, KENYA. THEY THEN TO BE FORWARDED VIA ROAD TO KIGALI.

2. AS DEPT AWARE, PREVIOUS SHIPMENTS HOUSEHOLD AND PERSONAL EFFECTS ORIGINATING U.S. HAVE BEEN FORWARDED VIA SURFACE TO ANTWERP, THEN BY AIR (SABENA) FROM BRUSSELS TO KIGALI. OUR ASSUMPTION WS THAT PRESENT SHIPMENTS WOULD BE ROUTED SAME WAY. EMBASSY CONTINUES BELIEVE THIS MEANS OF SHIPMENT NECESSARY IN ORDER AVOID LONG SHIPPING TIME (UP TO 8 MONTHS) DND EXTREMELY HIGH INCIDENCE PILFERAGE/ CONFISCATION/DISAPPEARANCE ON OVERLAND ROUTE MOMBASA/ KIGALI VIA UGANDA. WITH OCCASIONAL PROTRACTED CLOSURES UGANDAN BORDER (TWICE THUS FAR THIS YEAR), POSSIBILITY EFFECTS BEING FURTHER DELAYED/PILFERED IS HIGH.

3. VIRTUALLY COMPLETE ABSENCE AVAILABILITY HOUSEHOLD ITEMS AND FOODSTUFFS LOCAL MARKET CREATES SERIOUS MORALE PROBLEMS WHEN PERSONNEL FORCED AWAIT UNCERTAIN ARRIVAL EFFECTS OVER EXTENDED PERIOD.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: (A) DEPT REQUESTED REITERATE

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INSTRUCTIONS DESPATCH AGENTS FOR FORWARDING ALL EFFECTS

ORIGINATING U.S. PORTS VIA BELGIUM FOR AIRFREIGHTING TO  
RWANDA; (B) ADVISE WHETHER IT POSSIBLE REROUTE EFFECTS  
DESCRIBED PARA. 1 TO ENABLE AIR SHIPMENT KIGALI FROM  
EUROPEAN PORT. CRIGLER

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